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President Spiros Kyprianou and his wife reach out to embrace their son after his release in Nicosia.

Kidnappers Won't Be Prosecuted

Cyprus President's Son Freed

NICOSIA, Dec. 18 (UPI)—President Spiros Kyprianou's 31-year-old son, in return for his release, has agreed to government demands that he not make any concessions in future negotiations with the Greek Cypriot leadership, a terrorist group that kidnapped him last week.

President Kyprianou said news conferences after his son's arrival in Nicosia, "I simply said I would forgo those who have carried out kidnapping."

Kyprianou said that the son would be "free to stay on the island. They will be prosecuted for this incident. It was not known whether kidnappers had left the island."

President said that the son had responded to his father's warning that it would be "difficult if such incidents occurred."

The last deadline ran out at 10 p.m. yesterday. Achilles was released at about 4 a.m. today, his mother, Mimi, said at the President's home in suburban Nicosia.

Rain delayed by hours Achilles' arrival in Nicosia, but thousands of Greek Cypriots waited to cheer him. Dressed in his commando uniform and green beret, he smiled at the crowds and said that he was feeling "just fine."

"I was treated rather well but the conditions of my captivity were rather bad," he said, adding he had been "almost sure" that he would be killed.

"So I asked them as a reserve officer of the commando forces that I should be executed with dignity," he said.

His father told the crowds, "This is a great day for us because our son has been freed by his kidnappers. It is also a great day for Cyprus, because love has prevailed over violence."

The President's son said that he spent three days and three nights in a sheltered "hole in the ground" not large enough for him to stand. He was given blankets.

He said that the kidnappers carried automatic weapons and continuously guarded him.

Police said that five men were involved in the kidnapping, but Achilles said that he thought there were only three or four. He was blindfolded throughout his captivity.

The secret negotiations through intermediaries intensified yesterday as the kidnappers' deadline drew near.

Officials kept secret the identity of the go-betweens, but sources close to the President's office said that the negotiations were led by a prominent lawyer, Kyriakos Savvaides.

70-Car Pileup Hurt 16

NICOSIA, Dec. 18 (Reuters)—Sixteen persons were injured, some seriously, in a pileup of 70 vehicles on an icy, fog-bound motorway here yesterday, police said.

London Queue Erupts Over Full Skytrain

LONDON, Dec. 18 (UPI)—Police were called in over the weekend to control a crowd of Christmas travelers at Victoria Station who stormed the ticket counter when airline officials announced Laker's \$104 first-come-first-served transatlantic Skytrain flight to New York was sold out.

"I thought we were all going to be lynched," said Laker representative Fiona Denison.

She and another colleague at the counter were attacked after Laker officials announced only 56 seats were available for the Skytrain flight yesterday. The other 265 tickets were sold at the airline's Gatwick office. More than 200 travelers had waited in line all night to buy the tickets.

Basque A-Power Site Attacked

Spain Vows Get-Tough Policy As Political Violence Mounts

MADRID, Dec. 17 (UPI)—Amid increasing political violence in the streets and outspoken statements by senior generals, the government yesterday announced a "get tough" law-and-order policy.

National police immediately carried out a cell-by-cell search for weapons in Madrid's Carabanchel prison. Newspaper reports have been predicting an uprising there on Christmas Eve.

The Cabinet of Premier Adolfo Suarez said it will try to reach and maintain the highest level of public security through the firm use of all the means at its disposal.

The government made the declaration after a long Cabinet meeting that started on Friday and ended early yesterday. The communiqué also referred to serious street disorders that erupted in the last two and a half weeks in the Andalusian city of Malaga and in the Canary Islands.

Guard Post Attacked

Today, a gang firing submachine guns and hurling hand grenades attacked a police guard post at a nuclear plant at Leizor, near Bilbao in the Basque region, police said.

They said the policemen, members of the Civil Guard, used their submachine guns to fight off the attackers and critically wounded one of the gang. No policemen were reported injured but one hand grenade that exploded damaged the guard post.

The nuclear reactor, a Westinghouse operation, is in the final stages of construction and scheduled to go into operation in 1978 as the second largest nuclear reactor in Europe with 1,000 megawatts as its potential power generation.

While the Cabinet meeting was being held, Councilman Julio Martinez, of the Basque city of Iruya, was shot to death by terrorists, believed to be Basque separatists. The killing was blamed by police on the terrorist group, ETA.

Meanwhile, the government

Begin Is Offering Palestinians Right to West Bank Self-Rule

Egypt Visit Likely Soon

Says U.S. Finds Plan Fair

CAIRO, Dec. 18 (NYT)—After a switch in signals today, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin was expected to confer with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at Ismailia, on the bank of the Suez Canal, on Christmas Eve at the earliest, and possibly a few days later.

The delay, after the Egyptians had spread word of a meeting to be held Wednesday, was considered to have been caused simply by logistics.

A new problem surfaced in talks with Egyptian officials on the long-range elements in a peace settlement with Israel. It concerned what they call Israel's "nuclear option."

The officials stressed that this was not part of the immediate discussions on territorial issues and the Palestinians. However, the Egyptians said that they consider it necessary in later negotiations to make sure that Israel renounces nuclear weapons.

Safeguards Noted

They said that Egypt has accepted safeguards imposed by the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, but Israel has not.

The issue could further complicate inter-Arab relations because Iraq, which has atomic nuclear reactors from France, is judged capable of developing a nuclear weapon in the 1980s. It is unlikely that the Israelis would accept international inspection to prove that they had rejected the "nuclear option" so long as an Arab state retained a possibility of nuclear weapons.

However, movement on the basic issues that have proved intractable for so many years pushed these concerns well into the background at this stage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin said today in a television interview that his peace proposals call for "self-rule" for Palestinians and their right to settle along with Jews on the West Bank of the Jordan River.

"Let there be peace all over," he said, emphasizing Israel's interest in a comprehensive settlement. "Thus is our striving."

Meanwhile, an Israeli spokesman in Jerusalem said that Israel and the United States have "an identity of views on the contents of a peace agreement."

The spokesman, Israeli Cabinet secretary Arieh Naor, said that assessment was reported to the Cabinet by Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin after he conferred with Mr. Begin by telephone.

Mr. Begin made his remarks on the CBS "Face the Nation" program.

He said that President Carter "considers the proposals I brought to him a fair basis for negotiation to achieve peace. If he says it is a fair basis, there is some support for it."

'Many Problems'

But, the Prime Minister said, "The American endorsement couldn't be complete, of course. There will be many problems."

Mr. Begin suggested that if the negotiations led to a settlement, Mr. Carter might invite him and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to Washington for a summit meeting at which the agreement would be concluded.

The Prime Minister plans to take his proposals to Egypt and discuss them with President Sadat, who has already been informed by President Carter about the outline.

But first Mr. Begin will have to return to Jerusalem to clear them with his own Cabinet. His proposed mission to Cairo also requires Cabinet approval. It was reported that he will seek his government's approval at a special Cabinet meeting Wednesday or Thursday.

In his interview today, the Israeli leader left open the possibility that some in the future the Palestinians might have their own state. "There can always be a review, but I wouldn't like to go into details," he said.

Mr. Begin said he had not asked President Carter for any commitment on the Israeli proposals. But the Prime Minister said that he found "understanding" at the White House and will be leaving Washington "a happy man."

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said last night that the new Israeli negotiating proposals put the Middle East "on the road to peace."

He issued the optimistic appraisal after a two-hour meeting between Mr. Carter and Mr. Begin, both of whom agreed with his assessment. Mr. Vance said.

Confirming reports that Israel is ready to extend civil autonomy to about a million Palestinians living on the occupied West Bank, he said.

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Syrians in Demonstration Against Sadat Peace Moves

DAMASCUS, Dec. 18.—Hundreds of thousands of Syrians demonstrated in the streets of Damascus today to protest Egyptian peace moves with Israel.

Premier Abdel-Rahman Khleifawi and other government ministers led the demonstration.

Shops were closed in support of the demonstration and the crowds carried placards denouncing Egyptian President Anwar Sadat as a "traitor who has knelt down before the Zionist enemy."

The rally followed high-level political consultations in Damascus by Syrian and Palestinian leaders on how to counter the Egypt-Israel dialogue.

Palestinian groups staged other, smaller rallies in Lebanon, at the southern port of Sidon and the coastal town of Damour.

Salah Khalaf, the No. 2 man in the el-Fatah guerrilla group after Yasser Arafat, told the Kuwaiti daily al-Rai al-Aam that "Sadat has nothing to do with Palestine and no party is entitled to represent the Palestinians except the PLO."

He accused the Egyptian leader of "intervening in the Palestinian affairs by concluding an agreement with the Israelis."

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Force Reported Doubled

Russia, Cuba Are Said To Add Ethiopia Units

By Graham Hovey

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (NYT)—Cuba and the Soviet Union have more than doubled the size of their military missions in Ethiopia in the last week in conjunction with a major shift of Soviet arms to that embattled East African country, according to Carter administration officials.

Some officials said they believed that the recent increases in both Soviet supplies and Soviet and Cuban military personnel indicated preparations for an Ethiopian counteroffensive, aimed at recapturing the Ogaden region, which is now mostly controlled by Somali forces.

John Trainor, the State Department spokesman, said that the government believed there had been "a substantial increase" in both the Cuban and Soviet military contingents since last month, when the department estimated a presence of 400 Cuban and 100 Soviet officers and soldiers in Ethiopia. He said he could give no figures.

Other officials said, however, that recent reports indicated a presence of more than 600 Cuban and more than 500 Soviet military personnel in Ethiopia. This would represent a fivefold increase in the Soviet contingent in a month.

The officials said that much of the increase in personnel might be accounted for by the necessity of training Ethiopian soldiers in the use of sophisticated Soviet equipment, including tanks and jet planes. Some officials are convinced, however, that Cuban soldiers have actually been fighting in the Ogaden.

Mr. Trainor restated the administration's position that the presence of "extra-continental forces" in Africa can only hamper the solution of African problems and said "we have had discussions" with the Cubans and Soviets.

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But Manner Is Undecided

U.S. Plans to Consult NATO on SALT Issues

By Richard Burt

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (NYT)—The Carter administration is moving toward the creation of a new system for consulting with its principal European allies that would provide them with an indirect voice in the Soviet-U.S. Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, according to administration officials.

The move, stimulated by the growing concern of European governments over the possible impact of a new strategic arms agreement, would mark a significant departure in existing methods of consultation within the alliance.

The initiative has generated a growing debate within the administration, with some officials fearing that a decision to give European governments greater access to the negotiations could hamper efforts to complete an arms accord in the near future. Others, however, are in favor of the concept on the ground that it could lessen European fears over the arms talks, thus improving the chances of gaining congressional approval for a new agreement.

Four-Power Meeting

The idea of establishing a new consultative mechanism was said to have been raised at a four-power meeting of foreign ministers from the United States, Britain, France and West Germany at the recent NATO ministerial session in Brussels. According to officials, the foreign ministers agreed to begin talks on establishing some form of four-power group that would focus on problems for European defense posed by proposed Soviet-U.S. limits on such weapons as the Cruise missile.

Another purpose of the group, officials said, would be to discuss the possible creation of a new, East-West arms control forum that would address issues, such as Soviet intermediate-range missile deployment, that are not now covered in existing negotiations.

Officials emphasized that several questions concerning the proposed consultative group were left unresolved at Brussels and that the four governments were now attempting to reach agreement on the structure and format of future four-power meetings. A critical question is whether France, which has traditionally opposed cooperating with NATO, would join the group.

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Carter Victory Seen Rights Text Accepted by Indonesia, Guinea

By Seth S. King

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (NYT)—President Jimmy Carter's avowed support for human rights has won a major success last week as Indonesia and Guinea agreed to a new human-rights treaty, guaranteeing that they distribute food they acquire through the program to needy or would use funds to support them.

The clause, a State Department official said, a comment acknowledges that the human rights as the States defines them.

Dispensing of credit on loans for the purchase of cotton in commodities unstable last year has been delayed nearly three months as administration officials wrestled with the human-rights requirement.

Airliner Crashes

MADRID, Dec. 18.—Airport authorities said that a Swiss Caravelle jetliner crashed in the sea near the Atlantic island of Madeira.

Port officials said they believe the plane was carrying 57 passengers.

They said the plane was flying from Porto Novo, 30 kilometers from Funchal, the capital of Madeira, a Portuguese territory.

Portuguese officials said two Portuguese airlines were sent to the scene. A Boeing of the Portuguese National Airline was sent to the scene. A Boeing of the Portuguese National Airline was sent to the scene. A Boeing of the Portuguese National Airline was sent to the scene.

They Forces Blood to Flow Again Coughs Called Aid to Survival For Victims of Heart Attacks

By Harry Nelson

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Coughing may prevent sudden death after a heart attack.

Doctors Michael Criley and Daniel Brown have accumulated evidence that a deep cough every second or so forces blood through the heart and brain during the crucial period after a heart attack when blood flow stops.

The cessation of blood flow and so-called "sudden death" almost always are the result of ventricular fibrillation, a condition in which the heart pumps blood ineffectively.

If ventricular fibrillation is quickly reversed, the patient can recover completely, the cardiologists explained.

If the person is fortunate enough to suffer ventricular fibrillation when another person is nearby to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), the heart may be kept beating effectively enough to sustain life

until a paramedic, a doctor or a nurse arrives to stop the fibrillation.

One of the drawbacks to CPR is that the patient cannot administer it himself if no one else is around.

Coughing is something that the victim can do for himself, Dr. Criley and Dr. Brown noted.

The researchers said, however, that they do not know how long it is possible to sustain blood flow by coughing.

Medical personnel have generally been skeptical about the theory that coughing can produce blood flow. When Dr. Criley first talked about the possibility two years ago, at a convention of cardiologists, the response was lukewarm.

Since then he has accumulated some experience indicating his theory is correct.

In one case a patient with an

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Historian, Conductor, Actor Dead

S.I.A. Marshall, the war historian; Cyril Ritchard, the actor, and Thomas Schippers, the conductor, have died.

Mr. Marshall, 77, died after a long illness; Mr. Ritchard, 79, succumbed after being stricken by a heart attack three weeks ago; and Mr. Schippers, 47, died of lung cancer. Obituaries: Page 5.



Cyril Ritchard

Thomas Schippers

S.I.A. Marshall

Government Holds Priceless Collections

Seized Romania Art Works Said Kept in Poor Condition

By David A. Andelman

BUCHAREST (NYT).—The Romanian government has seized the cream of Bucharest's private collections of Romanian and Western art and has closed more than a dozen private museums in the city.

The collections constituted an unusual body of art in Eastern Europe and were kept in the homes where they had been collected. According to estimates by some of their curators, they included about 3,500 to 4,000 works of such Romanian artists as Nicolae Grigorescu, Stefan Luchian and Nicolae Tonulescu and such French artists as Leleux, Sisley, Cézanne, Matisse, Duflo and Picasso.

The Romanian government said that the seizures were made to preserve the collections after the earthquake in March that destroyed wide areas of Bucharest. But none of these old, solidly built houses was damaged. According to a few art historians who have been allowed to see them, the works are now kept in appalling conditions in the damp basements of the Palace of Culture outside Bucharest and in the attic of the National Museum downtown.

Among the museums closed

were the Oprea, Zambeccan, Weinberg, Dons, Tataru and two Avram houses.

Wrenching Experience
For the small art world of Bucharest, as well as for the curators and the families who assembled these collections, the seizures and the bureaucratic wrangling since then have been a wrenching experience.

"There is nothing, nothing, nothing left," a curator said. He said that on March 7 soldiers loaded three trucks with nearly 400 works of Romanian and French artists, period French furniture, Oriental carpets and porcelain.

The collection, he said, had been decided to the Romanian government on condition that it always remain in the houses where it had been collected. Art groups came every year, he said, from Europe and the United States to view the collection.

He and other curators were told by the man who initiated the seizures, Tamaras Dobrin, a member of the Central Committee and chief of visual arts for the Council of Culture that "such legacies do not count much for us."

Mirona Popescu, the new director of Romania's National Gallery, said that the works would be exhibited there, but he said that

the gallery only has room to show about 3,000 works and that more than 30,000 others are in its reserves.

"We hope to be able to exhibit them in a new national museum or perhaps in a museum of the collections," Mr. Popescu said. The National Museum, he said, might be finished in five or six years, although no plans have been drafted. A museum of collections is also being considered.

It has been speculated that some of the works may be used in the residence being built for President Nicolae Ceausescu. Mr. Popescu said that the scattered collections should be centralized so that more persons could see them.

Most of the curators and many diplomats are concerned that this is only a symptom of a more rigorous control of culture. The government and the Communist party view artists and writers as mavericks who contribute little to the realization of Mr. Ceausescu's vision of an industrialized Socialist state.

Arts Politicized

To this end, measures have been taken to politicize the art world. The Central Committee of the Party has been abolished. Instead, each enterprise—book publishing house, newspaper and magazine, art gallery or writers or artists union—will engage in self-criticism by a committee. At least 30 per cent of each committee will have to be "representatives of real workers in industry." These committees will decide which works will be purchased and which artists will be given commissions.

Mr. Popescu said, "Culture and art are not for specialists but for the broad masses of the people. It is better to know what the real people in the streets think of what artists and writers are doing."

But such concepts have had a stifling effect on Romanian culture, which has produced no major international artists since the Communist take-over 30 years ago.



In Manila, President Ferdinand Marcos and his son, Ferdinand Jr., cast their votes in the referendum.

Marcos, as Expected, Nearing Landslide Win in Philippines

MANILA, Dec. 18 (UPI).—Early referendum returns today indicated a landslide vote for President Ferdinand Marcos to continue his martial-law rule as president and prime minister.

Partial returns, compiled by the government, from 4,742 precincts in the metropolitan Manila area showed 1,238,369 "yes" votes, 141,368 "no" and 21,408 abstentions—an 88.38 per cent affirmative vote.

Unofficial results from some of the more than 70,000 precincts in the country indicated the same trend and the failure of a boycott call by opposition leaders.

Elections Commissioner Flores Bayot said that the elections commission would release returns from the provinces after the vote in metropolitan Manila, a traditional opposition stronghold, were counted.

Mr. Bayot said that the commission probably would be able to announce the final results in a week.

Heavy Turnout
A heavy turnout of the estimated 30 million voters was reported yesterday. Balloting was described as peaceful and orderly.

Voters were asked if they wanted Mr. Marcos, 60, to continue as president and prime minister after the convening of the Interim National Assembly under the new parliamentary-type Constitution that replaced the U.S. style presidential system in January, 1973.

The new charter gave Mr. Marcos, who proclaimed martial law in September, 1972, the power to rule as president and prime minister during an unspecified transition period. In October of last year, the Constitution was amended to enable Mr. Marcos to rule by decree.

Mr. Marcos earlier had said that a "yes" vote would mean that the people wanted him to proceed to the second stage of the country's move toward the "new order," and he would call elections to the 120-seat National Assembly by April or May. He said that, in case of a "no" vote, he would resign and run for an assembly seat.

Opposition leaders, who denounced the referendum as a

Paris Paper J'Informé Closes After 3 Months

PARIS, Dec. 18 (UPI).—The new Paris newspaper J'Informé closed yesterday after only three months of publication.

The newspaper was founded by Joseph Fontanet, labor minister for the late President Georges Pompidou. Last week Paris sheet sales were 6,783 copies, with nationwide circulation estimated by the management at around 40,000, including 20,000 subscriptions, many complimentary.

A delegation of the newspaper's staff of 200 occupied J'Informé offices in an effort to protect rights

Syrians in Demonstrations

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In the name of the Palestinians, with the intention of setting up a Palestinian state.

Warning Mr. Sadat against making such a deal, he hinted at the possibility of a "Anything plan" and agreed to above the heads of the Palestinian people can be appropriated by a single bullet.

In Riyadh, King Hussein of Jordan met King Khalid of Saudi Arabia today to discuss ways to heal rifts in the Arab world over the Egyptian-Israeli peace initiative, and Jordanian officials said they had identical views.

Both also stressed the need for recognizing Palestinian rights, including self-determination in full freedom, the officials said.

King Hussein visited Damascus and Cairo last week, trying to narrow differences over the peace initiative.

Meanwhile Qatar's oil minister, Sheikh Abdel Aziz Ben Khalifa al-Thani, said the Arab oil-producing nations in the Gulf would not halt their substantial financial subsidies to the Egyptian economy.

He told the Saudi daily al-Riyadh that a Gulf group supporting the Egyptian economy had not stopped its aid following the "latest political developments," an allusion to the rift in the Arab world created by Mr. Sadat's peace initiatives.

U.K. Scientist Suggests It Was 'Nova'

Bethlehem Star Theory Challenge

By Walter Sullivan

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (NYT).—The star of Bethlehem that, according to the biblical account, witnessed the birth of Jesus and brought the wise men with their gifts, may have been a stellar flare-up as recorded in Chinese annals, rather than a conjunction of planets, as many have believed.

The flare-up, or "nova," was observed for 70 days in the spring of 5 BC, according to a specialist in ancient astronomical observations. This is roughly the time when Jesus was thought to have been born. The nova may also have been recorded by Korean astronomers.

The argument for a nova was set forth by Dr. David Clark of the Royal Greenwich Observatory in Herstmonceux, England, during a colloquium at New York University last week.

As early as the 18th century, he said, the proposal was advanced that the star was really a conjunction or close passage, of Jupiter and Saturn. However, the evidence for that is not very convincing, he said.

He noted that the belief that it was a conjunction of two planets is of long standing. In the annals of the Abbey of Worcester for 1385 it was recorded that in that year Jupiter and Saturn were in conjunction, "which has not happened since the Incarnation."

Four centuries later Johannes Kepler pointed out that such a conjunction had occurred in 7 BC. Later it was suggested that three planets might have come close in their apparent position.

A year ago Dr. David Hughes of the physics department at the University of Sheffield in England restated the case for the conjunction of 7 BC, saying it was a "simple conjunction"—not one involving three planets, but a sequence in which one planet passes the other, is overtaken, and then passes again, leading to three close encounters.

However, Dr. Clark, a New Zealander, termed such an explanation "not very convincing." He said that the two planets never came very close, much less close enough to appear as the single, brilliant object that, according to the biblical account, drew the wise men to Bethlehem.

Furthermore, he said, the movements of planets were followed closely in those days and a conjunction would not have caused astonishment.

He said that if a natural celestial phenomenon was involved, the best candidate is recorded in the astronomical treatise of the history of the former Han dynasty. It states that during the spring months of 7 BC a "hale-burst" appeared in Capricorn.

"Hale-burst" means "broom-star" or comet, but usually the Chinese annals specify the nature of its motion, if it is a comet. That was not the case in this case. It was a nova in Capricorn it

Egypt Visit Likely Soon

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ing Arab residents self-determination in 20 years.

Mr. Sadat said yesterday that he was not satisfied with the concessions he has been told Israel would make.

"Until this moment, I can't say that there is a development on the Israeli side," Mr. Sadat said at news conference. "I am waiting like all of you, like the whole world, I am waiting for the answer, the response of Prime Minister Begin to my visit to Jerusalem."

Israelis Are Cheered
ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Dec. 18 (AP).—Israeli diplomats today turned the port city of Alexandria and received a well organized welcome from crowds of Arabs.

Hundreds of townspeople and schoolchildren waited, patiently behind police barriers at each stop on the tour by the three Israeli negotiators at the Cairo Middle East conference.

The crowds cheered, waved and chanted the slogan: "In soul and blood we will redeem you, Sadat."

Begin's Offer
On Autonomy
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and in Gaza, Mr. Begin said today. "The people will have the possibility to conduct their own affairs through their own officials."

Asked whether Yasser Arafat and his Palestine Liberation Organization eventually could gain control of the territory, Mr. Begin avoided a direct answer. He said that the Palestinians would have the right of the secret ballot and that he thought they would choose moderate leaders.

Like the Jews, who would remain free to settle on the West Bank, the Palestinian Arabs would have a mutual right of settlement in Israel. He did not elaborate on what citizenship the Palestinians would have in the West Bank and in Gaza would hold.

Mr. Begin said Mr. Carter did not ask him to reconsider any proposals and that the President found in them a fair basis for negotiations with Egypt. "We asked for the goodwill of the United States, and that we got," Mr. Begin said.

Earlier today the Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, of Israel House with former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and the two were joined by former President Gerald Ford.

would have risen from Bethlehem's eastern horizon 4 1/2 hours before sunrise, Dr. Clark said, conforming to the account in the gospel according to St. Matthew. It is generally agreed, he said, that Jesus was born in about 5 BC. Both the gospels according to Matthew and Luke place his birth during the reign of Herod, who is thought to have died in 4 BC. The modern calendar dates from a starting point established by the monk Dionysius Exiguus in AD 533. In back-dating the start of the new era he apparently overlooked four years in reign of the Emperor Augustus.

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U.S. Plans to Consult NATO On SALT Negotiating Issues

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The United States on arms control matters, will agree to participate fully in the venture.

The French government has apparently informed the administration that it will make a decision in the near future, and officials said that President Carter plans to raise the matter with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing when he visits Paris early next month.

Until the issue of French participation is resolved, officials said that other questions concerning the proposed discussions, including the level at which they would be held and their frequency, could not be answered.

The proposal for creating a new consultative body is said to have initially come from West Germany and reflects the concerns that have grown within the Bonn government over the possibility that a new Soviet-U.S. arms accord will limit the ability of the United States and its allies to use the Cruise missile for the defense of Europe. However, Bonn and other allied governments are also concerned that after a new agreement is signed, negotiations will come to focus even more heavily on issues of potential concern to the Western alliance, such as the future of U.S. nuclear-armed fighter aircraft stationed in Europe.

Defense Options

The administration has sought to allay these fears by periodically reporting to allied governments on the status of negotiations and promising, as was done recently in Brussels, that it would not sign an agreement with Moscow that limited future European defense options.

However, several administration

officials privately acknowledge that existing methods for consulting with allies are unwieldy and somewhat superficial. A special problem is said to be the difficulty of holding in-depth discussions on technical matters in large diplomatic gatherings.

"The administration has done a lot of talking with the Europeans on arms-control subjects," said one official, "but you really can't call it consulting. It's impossible to have a real give-and-take with 15 nations sitting around a table."

Spain Vows Get-Tough Policy As Political Violence Mounts

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The last amnesty was the "ultimate and definitive" one. Despite the announcement of the "get tough" policy, the government said its concept of law and order was based "on the possibility of a real and peaceful exercise of human rights."

Over the weekend, Basque members of the Cortes (parliament) warned the government of the consequences of delaying the establishment of home rule for the Basque region.

Basque leftist and nationalist groups have announced mass demonstrations before the New Year if the government does not act.

The Basque legislators approved on Nov. 26 an autonomy bill which they worked out and negotiated with the government's representatives.

Quick executive action was expected on the text. But at Friday's Cabinet meeting, an official decision on the home rule plan was again put off although the plan was discussed.

In another decision, the government approved a bill legalizing contraceptives. The bill, approved by Premier Suarez and his Cabinet, voids an article in the penal code calling for jail sentences from one to six months and fines from 10,000 to 200,000 pesetas (\$125 to \$2,500) for persons selling, buying or advertising contraceptive devices, including the pill. Approval of the bill by the Cortes is certain, a government spokesman said.

Meanwhile, Spain's two main Socialist unions agreed today to merge, creating a group that will be a powerful counterweight to the Communist-led Workers' Commission.

Delegates from the General Union of Workers, the trade union branch of the Socialist Workers' party, and from the Syndical Workers Union voted unanimously at a special congress for the merger.

The new union, which will continue to be called the UGT, will have about 1 million members. The Workers' Commission is estimated to number about 1.1 million.

When the Christopher committee finishes examining the remaining countries, others may also be placed in what the Carter administration calls the "troublesome" category. So far the countries designated as "troublesome" are Guinea, Indonesia, Bangladesh, South Korea and Zaire.

The amendment says Public Law 480 cannot be used to assist any country that consistently violates recognized human rights unless that country agrees that either the U.S. committee themselves or the proceeds from their sale will benefit needy people in that country.

"What Congress intended was that the hungry in those countries should not be made to pay for the sins of their leaders," a State Department source said last week. The amendment defines violations of human rights as engaging in cruel treatment and prolonged detention of prisoners without charge and other flagrant denials of the right to life, liberty and security of person.

In marking the five countries as "troublesome" the committee did not specify how they were violating human rights, though several are known to have been holding prisoners for long periods without trial.



Ahmed Mogharehi

General Asks Shah for Mercy

TEHRAN, Dec. 18 (UPI).—An Iranian general accused of spying asked Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi today for mercy after a military court upheld a ruling sentencing him to death.

Maj. Gen. Ahmad Mogharehi, 56, made his plea after the military court stood by the earlier sentence by a special tribunal. He was accused of supplying "classified information vital to national security of Iran" to an unnamed recipient.

The prosecution said that Maj. Gen. Mogharehi used sophisticated cameras and electronic equipment to pass on the information. The court hinted that he had frequent contact with officials of the Soviet Embassy in Tehran.

Hung Gets New Job

BONG KONG, Dec. 18 (UPI).—Shuang Chen, former chief of China's liaison office in Washington, has been appointed minister of culture, according to the Chinese news agency.

by the monk Dionysius Exiguus in AD 533. In back-dating the start of the new era he apparently overlooked four years in reign of the Emperor Augustus.

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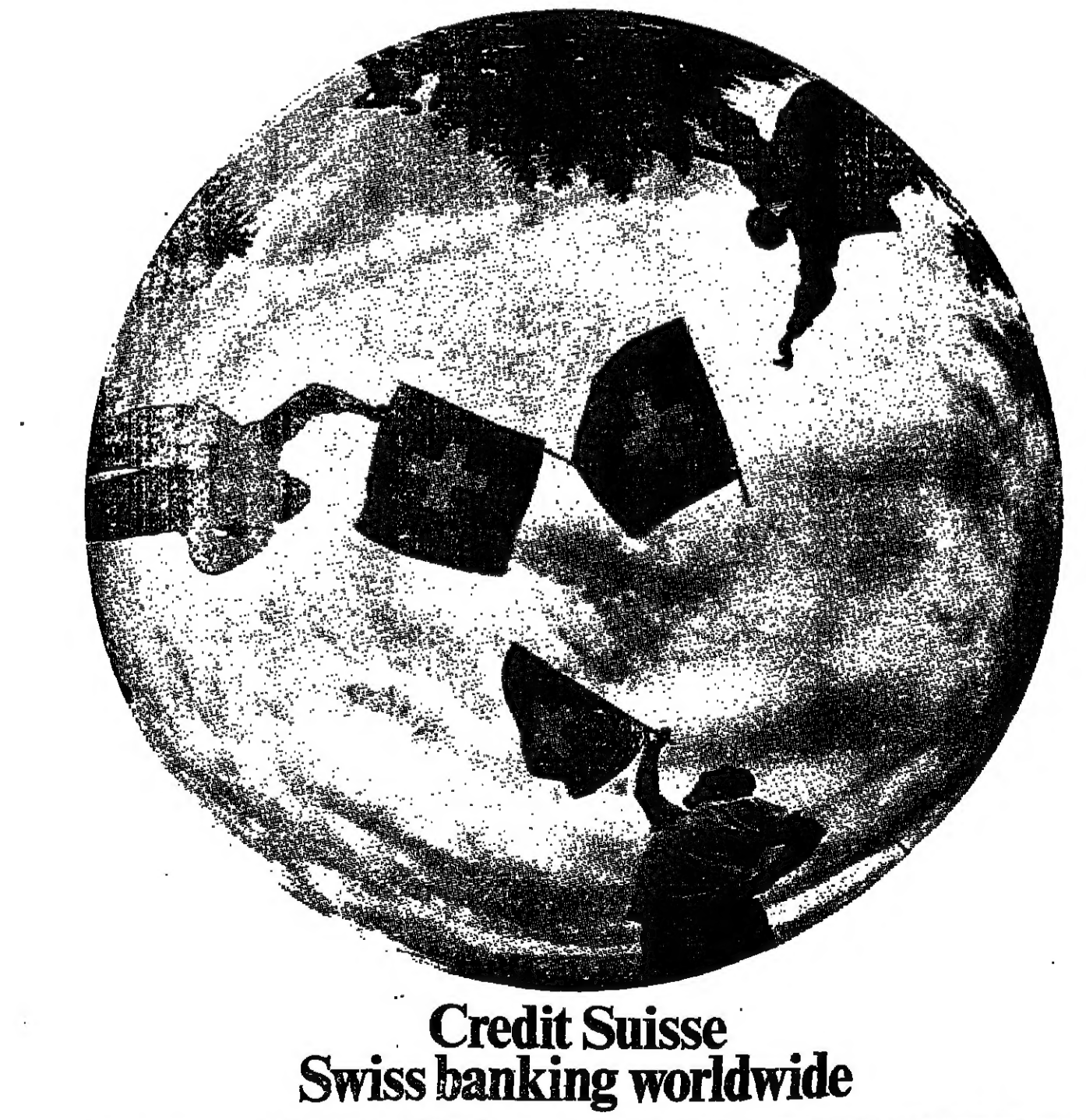
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Euromarket

Uncertainty Over Dollar's Value
Drives Investors to Sidelines

By Carl Gewirtz

PARIS, Dec. 18 (UPI).—With dollar still adding and the days approaching, the dollar of the Eurobond market is being shut down until next year.

Only one new issue was announced last week—an Arab-dollar market operation for the European Investment Bank. It is seeking \$50 million for 10 years with a coupon of 7 1/2 per cent. The 10 banks backing the loan are all Middle Eastern banks, although Eurobond banks are being invited to the underwriting group. The banks report that the bulk of the issue was preplaced, as a relatively secure place in a very uncertain market.

Against this background, prices of dollar bonds continued to drift lower last week. Worst hit was the new issue for Euro, which increased the coupon on its two-year offering by a quarter point. The \$50 million of seven-year notes were sold with a coupon of 8 1/4 per cent and the \$100 million of 10-year bonds carried a coupon of 9 per cent. Both were priced at par and trading opened at 97-97 1/2. However, the prices edged up a bit, closing at 97 1/2-98 1/8 for the notes and 97 5/8-98 1/8 for the bonds.

The \$40 million of seven-year notes for the French railways, SNCF, reportedly were well received and managers are considering raising the amount of the issue, which carries a coupon of 8 1/4 per cent. The smaller size of the loan coupled with the triple-A rating of France is said to account for the more favorable reception compared to the Euro loan.

The \$30-million, 10-year loan for Sparbankernas Bank was said to be benefiting from the relatively small amount and the high coupon of 8 3/4 per cent. Nevertheless, the issue is expected to be sold at a slight discount.

By contrast, the \$100-million floating-rate loan for Mexico's National Financiera was suffering from the uncertainty about whether the market would comfortably take that much paper at this time. Those investors who are attracted by the terms—one point over the six-month interbank rate—are said to be holding off, waiting to buy into the secondary market in anticipation of buying at a discount.

The \$500-million, 12-year issue

U.S. Commodities

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 (AP).—Despite a nationwide farm strike, the prospect for huge crop surpluses drove grain futures prices lower last week on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Essentially a continuation of a gradual downturn that began in mid-November, the losses were posted in sluggish trading attributed to the upcoming holidays.

Wheat futures tumbled sharply on Monday after the Department of Agriculture confirmed that farmers had harvested 2.03 billion bushels of the grain. Declines for the period averaged 5 cents, with the December contract closing at \$2.55 1/2 a bushel.

Soybean prices slumped about 10 cents a bushel in contracts for delivery through next July, quoted at \$5.92 1/2 in the January contract. Corn futures slipped only about 2 cents to \$2.17 a bushel in the current month.

Live hog and pork belly futures, however, scored large gains on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Live cattle contracts were little changed. Although farmers sold relatively little grain for the remainder of the week and livestock receipts were light, analysts said the slow cash markets were more related to seasonal factors than the farm strike.

A rally attempt succeeded on Thursday, when good domestic demand for soybean meal triggered higher prices in all pits. Soybean meal was the sole gainer for the period, edging up 30 cents to \$3.30 a ton in all but one month.

The government increased by 50 million bushels its estimate of now much U.S. corn foreign countries will buy this crop year, helping minimize the losses in corn futures.

At the end of the week, soybeans were 4 to 15 cents a bushel lower; wheat declined 3 1/4 to 6 cents; corn was up 1 1/4 to 3 1/2 cents and oats slipped 1 1/4 to 2 1/2 cents, with the December contract at \$1.30 1/2. Soybean oil was 5 to 1.58 points lower, December 22.22; soybean meal was 30 cents lower to \$3.30 a ton higher, December 158.30; and live hogs were 30 points lower to 15 points higher, December 28.15.

For Shell, being fully underwritten by the managers, was no threat to the market. However, some bankers report that potential investors are shopping around, offering to buy the bonds at a 2-point discount to the issue price—that is, half a point in excess of the selling commission being offered to banks.

Commenting on the state of the market, one investment banker says: "Everybody is just quietly shell-shocked. There's no sense or sign of direction. The apathy is getting deeper and deeper. We're at the point now where investors aren't doing anything in the dollar market."

They have been buying deutsche marks and Swiss francs and new accumulations are going into those markets.

However, managers of the Shell issue report the beginning of switches out of the "strong" currencies, buying dollars as what appears to be a cheap level and moving into triple-A paper, such as Shell or discounted bonds in the secondary market.

The deutsche-mark sector, which had been showing signs of some weakness stemming from the very heavy calendar of new issues combined with the low coupons being offered, covered (Continued on Page 8, Col. 1.)

The U.S. Economic Scene

Dip in Domestic Car Sales Worries Industry

By Thomas E. Mulvaney

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (UPI).—After a much stronger performance during many months of the last two years, domestic new-car sales advanced only 2.3 per cent last month and then fell 6.3 per cent from a year ago in the first 10 days of this month, surprising economic analysts and automotive executives. The weakness that started after the first 10 days of last month has come so early in a new-model year that it is getting more than casual attention in many quarters.

Another disturbing development has been the inventory buildup of unsold new cars built in this country. At the end of last month, the stocks of new domestic cars awaiting sale reached a level of 58 days of normal sales, compared with a 49-day supply at the same time last year. It was the second-largest inventory of this decade at the end of a November, exceeded only by the 65-day stock in November, 1974, when the recession had severely affected the industry's business. By contrast, the latest inventory tally on imported cars showed a 46-day supply on hand, against a 60-day stock a year ago.

Has a distinct turn developed in the auto business?

Some Shudders

To cope with the combination of slowing sales and rising inventories, some automotive companies have scheduled brief plant shutdowns and employee layoffs in the next two weeks of the holiday period. All have started more aggressive sales campaigns to stimulate buying, and most have planned to pare production schedules slightly for some time next month.

The situation is far from bleak,

however. The fundamental background for an improved sales trend seems still to be in place, with the overall U.S. economy remaining strong, personal incomes rising, and recent consumer-confidence surveys indicating increased intentions to buy new cars in the months immediately ahead.

Although Detroit and business circles are obviously concerned about the sudden slipping of sales, there is no widespread alarm at this point either inside or outside the industry. But the

sales figures for the final two 10-day periods of this month will be watched with extra interest in view of the major role that the auto industry plays in the business levels of so many suppliers and in the whole economic structure.

Still Confident

Auto officials are retaining their public confidence that no major change has occurred in their business, and that sales will snap back more vigorously very soon. Several of the industry's steel suppliers have also indicated

ed no significant cutback in orders so far.

In an interview last week, Thomas Murphy, chairman of the General Motors Corp., who has been the industry's leading optimist, said that he stuck by his forecast of three months ago that auto sales would reach a record of 11.75 million units in this model year. But it was clear that he was dissatisfied with the recent trend.

"The business is out there for that level," he said. "It's doable, but it is not automatic. We've got to work a little harder to get it. We've got to be more aggressive in our marketing and advertising."

Wait-and-See

Meanwhile, the economic community is maintaining a wait-and-see attitude, remembering that there were periods earlier this year, notably in July and September, when sales dropped sharply and then jumped substantially in the following months.

Several leading automotive securities analysts were also nervously holding the same line this week, although most of them have been more moderate in their sales projections than automotive executives. While the industry has said that sales in the current model year would exceed 11 million units, including imports—and possibly topping the 1973 record year—security analysts estimate sales at between 10.5 and 11 million passenger vehicles for the current model year.

Ronald Glantz of Mitchell, Rutchins and Co., who has been among the more bearish of Wall Street's followers of the auto industry, said recently that he had been looking for some time for a 4-per-cent decline in auto sales (Continued on Page 9, Col. 1.)

New York Stock Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (UPI).—Indecision was the keynote of the stock market last week, with daily action in the popular averages confined to small moves. The Dow Jones industrial average wound up at 815.32 as it gained a razor-thin 0.09 point over five sessions.

Late in the week, investors pondered such developments as a favorable showing in personal-income figures for November and an increase but no starting bulge in the nation's basic money supply.

Volume on the New York Stock Exchange totaled 101.57 million shares, down from 103.6 million the preceding week.

Thursday of this week represents an important date for investors: Dec. 22 is the final day on which regular-way profits may be taken for income tax purposes in 1977. Losses, however, may be taken until the final moment of trading this year.

Fireworks in Issues

Fireworks in individual issues erupted at midweek. On Wednesday, Marshall Field, the large Chicago department store company, ran ahead 9 1/4 points to 32, its highest price in four years, in response to a bid by Carter Hawley Hale Stores, a big store chain. Marshall Field promptly filed an antitrust suit in an effort to block the proposal, which its directors called "inadequate."

Coastal States Gas, on the other hand, tumbled 7 1/4 points to 11 5/8. This followed an order by the Texas Railroad Commission for the energy supply company to refund more than \$12 billion to customers.

Although many Big Board stocks failed to display any sparkle, a little-known issue, Shallice Corp., climbed above 46 after directors doubled the cash dividend and declared a 3-for-2 stock split. Last year's low price for the producer of nutritional supplements and household products was 7.

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NOTICE To the Holders of

Levin-Townsend International Inc.
(now known as Rockwood International, Inc.)

5% Guaranteed

Convertible Debentures Due 1983

- The expiration time of our Exchange Offer is now only days away.
- At this time we are still far away from our minimum requirement of 70% acceptance.
- Failure of the Exchange Offer would likely result in bankruptcy proceedings and total loss of your investment.

WE THEREFORE URGE YOU TO GIVE YOUR BANK OR BROKER INSTRUCTIONS WITHOUT DELAY TO ACCEPT OUR OFFER OF:

- \$105 in cash and
- \$400 principal amount of our new income debentures convertible into common stock at \$1.90.

THE EXCHANGE OFFER WILL EXPIRE AT 5:00 P.M. NEW YORK CITY TIME ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1977.
THE EXCHANGE OFFER WILL NOT BE EXTENDED.

ROCKWOOD NATIONAL CORPORATION

December 19th, 1977.

International Bonds

(A weekly list of non-dollar-denominated issues.)

DM BONDS

(Average Prices)

Country	Issue	Price
Australia	1977-82	106 1/2
Australia	1978-83	111 1/2
Australia	1979-84	107 1/2
B.P. Comm. Int.	1977-82	111 1/2
City of Berlin	1977-82	107 1/2
British Govt	1977-82	106 1/2
CPA 1977-82	111 1/2	
Case Nat. Aut.	1977-82	106 1/2
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Bengals Lose, Putting Steelers in Playoffs

Johnson Stars for the Oilers

STON, Dec. 18 (UPI)—Billy Johnson accumulated 13 yards on pass receiving, and kick returns today to help the Cincinnati Bengals out of the National Football League berth with a 21-16 victory over the Houston Oilers.

The victory sent the Oilers into the playoffs where they took the field in San Diego.

The Oilers, which finished at 8-6 in a division title tie if the Oilers had won, but the 5-9 Bengals were more than enough.

A 7-yard touchdown reception by Dan Pastorini late in the third quarter led to a field goal by the Oilers on a 1-yard run. The Oilers' defense, which sacked the Bengals' quarterback Ken Anderson five times, raised the lead to 15-6 when James Harrison tackled Anderson in the end zone for a safety.

Receivers 17, Cardinals 7

Tampa, Fla. Gary Huff 61 yards to Morris Owens on a 10-yard run and hit Owens on a 32-yard pass to set up a 10-yard touchdown pass to the Oilers' quarterback Ken Anderson.

A crowd of 56,922 gave the Oilers a standing ovation for their first victory in two years and their second straight 26 consecutive losses. Several hundred young fans poured the field at the final gun, mobbed the players as they left for the dressing room.

Paul Carter, used sparingly in the Oilers' first two games for the Oilers' first touchdown—the first Tampa Bay has had at home this year.

Eagles 27, Jets 6

At Philadelphia, Ron Jaworski and Wilbert Montgomery plunked for 1-yard touchdowns in a spot first quarter that carried the Philadelphia Eagles to a 27-0 victory over the New York Jets in a game played in a steady uppour.

The Eagles took advantage of a turnover, an interception by Randy Logan and a recovery by linebacker Bergey, as they scored the first.

Montgomery, who gained 103 yards in his first game, raced 27 yards for a score with 12 seconds to go and Nick Mike-Mayer added field goals for the Eagles.

Eagles harassed Jets' quarterback Todd into a shambles. He completed 13 passes for only 100 yards and was sacked 7 times for 36 yards, tying a club record for sacks for the season.

Falcons 35, Saints 7

Atlanta, Haskell Stanback and Bartowski passed for two touchdowns and Falcons erupted their most potent offense of the season to rout the New Orleans Saints 35-7.

back, who rushed for a high 129 yards, scored on a run and on a 7-yard kick in the third period. The score was set up by a 55-yard interception return by Isposito, a decisive play in the game.

Adding the Saints to seven the Falcons—who gave up 123 points this season—up with an NFL record for points yielded in a 14-game season.

That lone touchdown came with 45 seconds left in the first half on a 13-yard pass to Archie Manning to Henry

ch's Protest Games in U.S. ended by NHL

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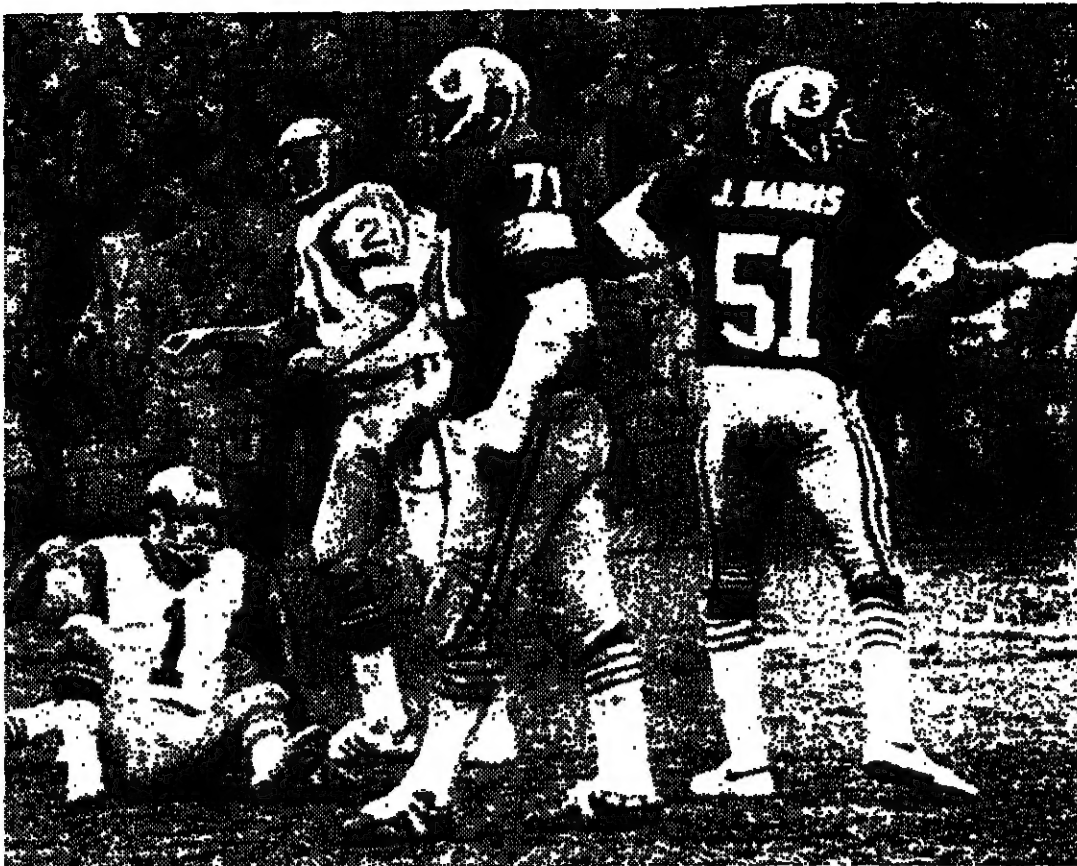
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ON THE SEAT OF HIS PANTS—Rafael Septien (No. 1) looks up from the football field after he missed a field goal against Washington. Septien got another chance after it was ruled that he had been roughed by Joe Harris of the Redskins (No. 51). Septien kicked again on the last play of the game and missed, wide, as Washington won, 17-14.

On Final Day of the NFL Season, Rookie Still Waits for It to Open

By Dave Anderson

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (NYT)—Tom Skladany—remember the name. He might be a man of history in the National Football League; he is already its most famous absentee rookie.

Skladany was the Cleveland Browns' second-round draft choice this year, a 22-year-old placekicker and punter from Ohio State with all-pro potential. "He gives you those bear-can-kickoffs," Woody Hayes once said. "Non-returnable."

He once kicked a 59-yard field goal. Straightaway, not soccer style. And he had a 42.7-yard punting average over four varsity seasons, including a 46.7-yard average one year. He was touted as the best punter to arrive in the NFL since Ray Guy began booming footballs over the Golden Gate Bridge for the Oakland Raiders five years ago.

Outgoing Type

He is also a musician, playing the piano, organ and accordion. "An outgoing personality," the Browns described him, "who enjoys football immensely." But he has not enjoyed it this season.

He has not joined the Browns after having spurned a \$190,000 contract offer over three years because he believes he's worth \$300,000, including a \$60,000 bonus.

"That \$100,000 difference means a lot to me," Skladany says. "But it's peanuts to them."

"It's a case of Howard Slusher trying to make a killing," says Peter Hadzary, the Browns' general manager, of Skladany's agent. "He created a chasm between his client and the club."

"That's not true," the Browns' agent says. "Slusher told me to take the \$190,000, but I told him no way. I wanted \$300,000."

"Tom got very rigid," Slusher says. "You have to stand up for what you believe somewhere along the line."

Trade Expected

Skladany now expects the Browns to trade his negotiation rights before the NFL draft next May. If not signed by then, he could be drafted in May by any team. If he were to sit out another season, he could deal with any of the 28 teams as a free agent.

"Woody Hayes doesn't think my future is in Cleveland," he says of his Ohio State coach. "I

didn't know how he would react to all this. I know how he is on money, on greediness, but he said, 'I've known Tom for four years and unless he's changed overnight, I think it's the Browns' fault.' That made me feel good."

But the intrigue has disenchanted Skladany, whose father Tom was a Giants linebacker in 1960, whose Uncle Joe was a pass receiver and defensive end with the Pittsburgh Steelers, whose Uncle Leo was a defensive end with the Philadelphia Eagles.

"When I see my friends at Ohio State, they think I'm crazy for not signing," he says. "But they don't know the story. I just tell them it's a long story."

Skladany's long story involves a dinner meeting with Mike Nixon at which the Browns' director of college scouting allegedly offered the rookie a \$300,000 contract if he abandoned Slusher, agent-enemy No. 1 on the NFL owners' list.

"No way I'd do that," Skladany says. "Howard's the best in the business. And when I asked Mr. Hadzary why I was worth \$200,000 without Howard, he told me \$190,000 with him, he told me that Mr. Nixon had not been authorized to make the \$200,000 offer."

Skladany later was contacted by Dr. Robert Shupula, an Erie, Pa., dentist.

"Dr. Shupula is an Ohio State alum. He introduced me to Ted Stepien, who owns the National-wide Advertising Company. Mr. Stepien gave me a job in his Cleveland office. But the only reason Mr. Stepien hired me was because he thought he could deliver me to Arthur Modell, the Browns' owner. I worked there two months. I enjoyed the job. I even got to see the Browns' games from Mr. Stepien's loge at Cleveland Stadium. But when he realized he couldn't deliver me to the Browns, he fired me."

The 22-year-old bachelor now is living with his family in Bethel Park outside Pittsburgh, where he's been contacted by several Ohio State alumni.

"I've got all kinds of job offers," he says, "but I still think of myself as a football player. I've been kicking since I was 8 years old and I miss it, but I'll be kicking somewhere next season. I'm treating this like I'd been injured and out for the year. But my leg is strong. I've been kicking regularly to keep it strong. I'll probably be stronger than ever next year. I'll only need a few days in training camp to get my timing back."

But if Skladany is not signed or traded by May, he wonders if NFL teams, in retaliation to both him and Slusher, would be tempted to blackball him in the draft until a late round, thereby lessening his bargaining power.

"If they pull something like that," he says, "I'll stay out another year and be the first rookie to pick his team as a free agent. I'd prefer a team that has a domed stadium or at least an artificial surface. I think I average 5 to 7 yards more on an artificial surface, both as a punter and a placekicker. I dreamed staying out this year, but once you do it, it's not so hard the second time. And then I could pick my team. I think I'll be kicking from 15 to 20 years."

"Look at how long George Blanda kicked field goals. He makes you want to last that long. My career is in football—when I start it."

NHL Standings

CANADIAN CONFERENCE

Pacific Division

Philadelphia 10 15 7 27 88 104

N.Y. Islanders 10 15 7 27 88 104

Atlanta 10 15 7 27 88 104

N.Y. Rangers 10 15 7 27 88 104

Wales Conference

North Division

Montreal 10 15 7 27 88 104

Los Angeles 10 15 7 27 88 104

Detroit 10 15 7 27 88 104

Washington 10 15 7 27 88 104

Buffalo 10 15 7 27 88 104

Toronto 10 15 7 27 88 104

Boston 10 15 7 27 88 104

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Saturday's Games

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